

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:05-cr-00211-MR-DLH-1**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

JOYCE KAY GODWIN.

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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's motion for transfer to a halfway house for the last six months of her sentence. [Doc. 156].

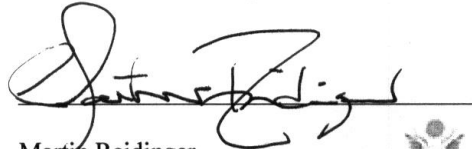
The Bureau of Prisons (BOP) has the authority to designate the location of an inmate's place of imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 3621(b). Before seeking relief from any court regarding the designation of the place of confinement, a defendant must exhaust all administrative remedies through the Bureau of Prisons. See, e.g., Richmond v. Scibana, 387 F.3d 602, 604 (7th Cir. 2004). Once all administrative remedies have been exhausted, a defendant may challenge such placement only by filing the appropriate pleading in the district court located in the district of

confinement, not the sentencing court. See Matheny v. Morrison, 307 F.3d 709, 711-12 (8th Cir. 2002).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Defendant's motion for transfer [Doc. 156] is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: May 19, 2014


Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge

